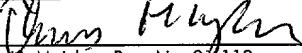


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In re the application of)
Richard S. Stack, et al.) Prior Examiner: Anthony S. King
Serial No.:) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: Concurrently herewith)
For: STENT DELIVERY CATHETER)
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF)
USE)

June 19, 2001
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Divisional application, based on Serial No. 09/439,692, filed November 15, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

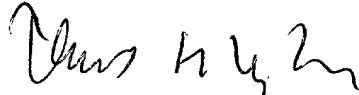
Please cancel without prejudice original claims 1-28 and 54-55.

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants hereby cancel without prejudice claims 1-28 and 54-55 which is directed to a vessel dilator, classified in Class 606, Subclass 198, as the prosecution of these claims has resulted in a Notice of Allowance in the parent application. Applicants hereby seek prosecution on original claims 29-53 which are directed to methods for entrapping plaque against a vascular wall, as is classified in Class 128, Subclass 898.

Respectfully submitted,

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